

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the Barren Creek Cemetery, located in the east part of the Madison Township, near Bolivar and Fair Play, Missouri, on Missouri Highway 32, next to the Barren Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church, is one hundred and forty years old this year; and

Whereas, a brief ceremony is planned for Sunday, May 27, 2007, to observe this historical milestone and to dedicate a new, large, black engraved piece of granite and a flagpole that adorns the entryway to the cemetery; and

Whereas, the cemetery was started in the woods in the fall of 1867, when two children of John and Elizabeth Dysart died and were buried there, and no one else was buried there until 1871, when Thomas Knowles was interred there; and

Whereas, Thomas Knowles' is the earliest legible tombstone in the cemetery today, and it reflects that Thomas Knowles was born on March 28, 1785, and died on September 30, 1871; and

Whereas, Barren Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church was organized on June 17, 1866, a piece of land for burial purposes was deeded to the trustees of the church by John L. McCrory and his wife, Ella G. (Mitchell) McCrory; and

Whereas, the board members for the Barren Creek Cemetery are Fred Lower, president; Paul Underwood, vice president; Jim Brown, secretary and treasurer; and board member Ted Rovenstine; and

Whereas, Decoration Day at the cemetery is observed on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend each year:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our congratulations on the one hundred fortieth anniversary of Barren Creek Cemetery and to wish a success dedication ceremony to all those involved on May 27, 2007; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Barren Creek Cemetery.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Parson
District No. 133

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker